

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To provide an information code which copes with the lack of the number of displayable items of commodities and the number of sub-items allotted to each item, without enlarging the information code, which lack is imposed due to the limit of the quantity of displayable information by a monochromatic information code such as a bar code. The information code is formed by arranging three or more types of display areas in a predetermined arrangement, the display areas being different in color (reflected or radiated wavelength characteristic), and the wavelength characteristics of the display areas in the arrangement are combined to form a unit for displaying information. Further, to smoothly switch from the monochromatic barcode to the color barcode, the information code of the invention has a framework defining the relationship between a combination of the wavelength characteristics of the display areas in the arrangement and information items represented thereby, and the framework is designed to include a framework for displaying information of the monochromatic barcode.